

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.*

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 14, wherein, the wings each have an inner side having a width  $W_2$  and an opposite outer side having a width  $W_3$ , wherein a ratio between the widths of the inner and outer sides ranges within about a 0.7-1 interval.

7. (Previously Presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 6, wherein each wing has a leading and trailing edge, the trailing edge having a first curved region located next to the body and a second curved region located next to the unattached end of the wing, the first and second curved regions having substantially a uniform radius of curvature.

8. (Previously Presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 7, wherein the leading edge of the wing has a curved central region flanked by two side regions.

9. (Previously Presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 8, wherein the side regions each has a radius of curvature substantially greater than the radius of curvature of the central regions.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 14, wherein each wing has a frame including a plurality of sections formed as a one-piece body or as a plurality of detachable components.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) An animal-scaring device configured to have a shape of a predatory bird comprising a body and a pair of wings, each of the wings being configured so that a ratio between a maximum width of the wing and a length thereof ( $W/L$ ) ranges between about 0.4-0.6, the device being

coupled to a manually operable reel by a central line, the reel having a central hub, a plurality of angularly spaced pins each provided with a respective free end, and a pair of spaced apart, endless sides attached to the free end of the plurality of pins, wherein the reel is rotatable in opposite directions to modify a length of the central line.

15. (Originally presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 14, wherein the free end of the plurality of pins has a C-shaped cross section bridging the pair of endless sides, wherein the line is supported by a central portion of the free end of the pins.

16. (Originally presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 15, further comprising a handle, the handle and the hub being rotatable relative to one another.

17-22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) An animal-scaring device configured to have a shape of a predatory bird comprising a body and a pair of wings detachably coupled to the body, each of the wings being configured so that a ratio between a maximum width of the wing and a length thereof ( $W./L$ ) ranges between about 0.4-0.6, the device being coupled to a manually operable reel by a central line, the reel having a central hub, a plurality of angularly spaced pins each provided with a respective free end, and a pair of spaced apart, endless sides attached to the free end of the plurality of pins, wherein the reel is rotatable in opposite directions to modify a length of the central line.

24. (New) An animal-scaring device configured to have a shape of a predatory bird comprising a body and a pair of wings, the body including a head portion, a tail portion and a hollow frame coupled to the head and tail portions, each of the wings being configured so that a ratio between a maximum width of the wing and a length thereof ( $W./L$ ) ranges between about 0.4-0.6, the device being coupled to a manually operable reel by a central line, the reel having a central hub, a plurality of angularly spaced pins each provided with a respective free end, and a pair of spaced apart, endless sides attached to the free end of the plurality of pins, wherein the reel is rotatable in opposite directions to modify a length of the central line.